

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NEW DE 11321 031142Z

53

ACTION FBOE-00

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 /011 W
----- 113982

R 030951Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7498
USIA WASHDC

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 11321

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ABLD IN
SUBJECT: USIS CALCUTTA BUILDING PROJECT

1. AFTER THOROUGHLY REVIEWING USIS CALCUTTA BUILDING PROJECT WITH USIS AND FBO OFFICE HERE AS WELL AS VISITING FBO ARCHITECT MORI, EMBASSY IS PERSUADED THAT THE BUILDING AS NOW PLANNED DOES NOT SERVE BEST INTERESTS OF USG. ACCORDINGLY, THE AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THAT FURTHER WORK ON THE PROJECT, AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, BE SUSPENDED AND THE BUILDING BE REDESIGNED.

2. USIS MAKES STRONG CASE, SUPPORTED BY FBO ARCHITECT, THAT PRESENT DESIGN OFFERS SPACE ILL-SUITED TO CURRENT OR FUTURE USIS PROGRAM NEEDS AT MORE COST THAN WOULD A DIFFERENT DESIGN THAT MATCHES FORM TO FUNCTION AND PROVIDES FOR A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE ON THE SAME SITE. NEWLY DESIGNED BUILDING WOULD THUS REPRESENT BETTER INVESTMENT FOR USG WHILE AT SAME TIME MORE EFFECTIVELY SERVE USIS NEEDS.

3. BASIC PROBLEM WITH PRESENT DESIGN STEMS FROM ITS FUNDAMENTAL PLAN WHICH PROVIDES NO FLEXIBILITY IN PROGRAMMING SPACE AND LITTLE EFFICIENCY IN OFFICE SPACE. PROGRAM SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONE SMALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AND A NARROW, FIXED-SEATING AUDITORIUM. OFFICES ARE UNFUNCTIONALLY ARRANGED AROUND THREE-STOREY TOWER DESIGNED AS A SERVICE AREA FOR STAIRWAYS, ELEVATORS, AIR CONDITIONING ETC., AN ARRANGEMENT THAT SEVERELY COMPROMISES EFFICIENCY

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NEW DE 11321 031142Z

OF BOTH OFFICE AND LIBRARY SPACE. DURING THIS LATEST REVIEW AS

IN PAST, USIS EXPLORED FEASIBILITY OF SHIFTING
SPACE WITHIN PRESENT BASIC DESIGN BUT SUCH SHIFTING DOES

NOT ADDRESS OVERRIDING PROBLEM STEMMING FROM FAILINGS
IN BUILDING'S BASIC DESIGN.

4. PRESENT LEASE HAS RECENTLY BEEN RENEWED AND WITH MINIMUM
RENOVATION TO THOSE FACILITIES, THEY CAN CONTINUE TO BE
UTILIZED, UNTIL A BUILDING DESIGN CAN BE
DEVELOPED THAT MORE CLOSELY MEETS CALCUTTA PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS. IN USIS VIEW THIS INTERIM MEASURE WILL
MORE EFFECTIVELY MEET ITS OVERALL NEED THAN WILL A
BUILDING BEING CONSTRUCTED USING THE CURRENT PLANS
BEING DEVELOPED BY CHATTERJEE AND POLK.SAXBE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976NEWDE11321
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760298-0948
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760892/aaaaddau.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION FBOE
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 MAR 2004 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <18 JAN 2005 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: USIS CALCUTTA BUILDING PROJECT
TAGS: ABLD, IN
To: STATE
USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006